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Stop signs to improve city safety

Cougill: We want to improve
the safety flow of traffic

By Julius Sexton
City editor

Driving in the square may take a change for the better as city officials have been discussing improving the position of stop signs as well as adding additional signs.

One-way stops currently are positioned at the corners of the square around the courthouse. Parked cars on the adjacent streets impede drivers' visibility around these corners making it a dangerous situation in some cases.

"We want to improve the safety flow of traffic (in the square)," said Charleston Mayor Dan Cougill.

Cougill said the project is necessary for the safety of Charleston residents and city officials have been discussing different options with the placing and movement of stop signs in the square.

Some of the ideas city officials have brought up could affect the number of parking spaces available.

Some businesses in the square think a change in stop sign arrangements is a good idea. Michelle Drum, owner of The Razor's Edge salon located in the square, said she liked the idea of new signs.

"I think we need it and it's a wonderful idea," she said.

Eastern students also think a new arrangement in the square is needed. Most students are concerned with blind spots that occur when driving in the square.

Frank Anderson, a senior economics major, said he is well aware of the dangers of the current position of stop signs in the square.

"They're not positioned well and sometimes it's hard to see them," he said.

Kimberly Aquilina, a junior family and consumer sciences major, said she also sees the current situation in the square as a dangerous one.

"You can't see around the corners, so it makes (driving) quite dangerous. Any situation when you can't see the other cars coming, you need a four-way stop," she said.

Working for a living



Mandy Marshall / Photo editor

Randy Hicks, a junior zoology major, washes one of the many pans during Tower's Dining Service dinner hours Wednesday night in the kitchen of Stevenson. While washing dishes for food service is definitely an option for many Eastern students, it is not always the most glamorous.

Students resort to part-time jobs to help pay bills

By Elizabeth O'Riley
Features editor

Working and going to school are two activities that may not seem to mix well, but to some students, having a job is not an option.

Money is a big concern for most

college students and having enough is not something that happens often.

The average number of students working on campus is around 2,300, said Pam Hendry, student employment counselor.

According to Hendry, the average student who is employed on campus works somewhere around 12 hours a

week. Hendry said she has not heard any complaints about students having a hard time balancing the two. If there is a problem, she said they could simply cut back their hours.

Most students work for extra money. They work a few hours a week

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Accident leaves northbound Seventh street closed



Mandy Marshall / Photo editor

This is one of the trucks involved in a two car collision Wednesday night on the corner of 7th Street and Lincoln Avenue. The driver was taken to Sarah Bush Lincoln Health System.

Driver of one car taken to hospital

By Meghan McMahon
Editor in chief

An accident at the intersection of Seventh Street and Lincoln Avenue Wednesday night resulted in one person being transported to the hospital.

The accident occurred at about 6:45 p.m., said Charleston resident Cristy Heath, who arrived at the scene of the accident shortly after it happened.

Heath said when she arrived the police had just arrived at the

scene.

Charleston police officer John Blevins said the cause of the accident is not known because it is still under investigation and the names of people involved cannot yet be released.

Blevins said one person was transported to Sarah Bush Lincoln Health System as a result of the accident, but was not aware of the person's condition.

"(The paramedics) had to cut the top of the truck off and pull (the driver of one of the vehicles) out," Heath said.

Heath also said she was not sure how the accident occurred.

Northbound Seventh Street was closed as a result of the accident, and officers were on the scene to help direct traffic on Lincoln Avenue, which was partially blocked by the cars involved.

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Ameritech raises rate for local calls

CHICAGO (AP) — Ameritech has raised the rates on some local telephone calls from 8 to 10 cents a minute in Illinois — higher than what some long distance programs charge to call another state.

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"The fact is to call Arlington Heights from downtown Chicago costs more now than most plans

charge to call California," he said.

The increase could be particularly felt by computer users who might not know they're making a toll call when they log onto the Internet, Cohen said.

The increase comes about the same time CUB has filed a complaint with the Illinois Commerce Commission, charging that Ameritech dupes customers to buy service packages that are more expensive than the basic rate. CUB is asking the ICC to order Ameritech to stop what it calls deceptive practices and refund customers who have been overcharged.

The ICC has not acted on the complaint.

Ameritech disputes Cohen's contentions. On the complaint to the ICC, Maganini said the service packages are, in fact, cheaper for many customers.

Maganini said the company is not trying to quietly slip anything past customers. He said customers were informed, both with newspaper ads and notices in their

December phone bills.

Even with the increase, said Maganini, Ameritech still charges less for local toll calls than some companies that tack on a monthly minimum charge.

And he said the cost of Ameritech basic service has dropped in recent years. He said, for example, the basic rate in Chicago fell 93 cents between 1990 and 1998.

He also acknowledged that it may cost as much or more to make a local call as a long distance call. But he said those comparisons aren't fair. "Those are calling plans, people have to sign up for those, obviously," he said. "A more fair comparison would be our basic rate to their basic rate."

Maganini said Ameritech offers a number of plans that might shrink the bills of customers who make a lot of local toll calls. For example, they can sign up for a plan in which they pay a monthly fee of \$4.95 and 5 cents a minute.

Senate discusses paper program

By Kelly Rush
Student government editor

Two approvals and an announcement that free newspapers should be available for student's use sometime next week topped the senate agenda Wednesday night.

The newspapers that are set to come include the "Chicago Tribune," "The St. Louis Post Dispatch" and "U.S.A. Today."

"Hopefully, we will be starting Monday," said Lou Hencken, vice president for student affairs.

The approvals include Mike LeShoure, to the Financial Aid Appeal Committee and to the Vice President of Institutional Advancement Search Committee, and Bob Kman to the Apportionment Board.

"If I have the free time, and can do it, I decided I should be on the committee," said LeShoure of his appointment.

The measure to transfer unneeded equipment from the rec center to residence halls was tabled, which means the measure has been put off until next week so members can deliberate about the issue.

Several senate members voiced concerns about students working out alone with no one around to help if an accident occurred. This is not a problem at the rec where workers are onhand and can be alerted if an accident occurs.

Working

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for an extra \$20 or \$30 which they use for their own entertainment.

Laura Josephs, a junior family and consumer science major, and Andy DeLassus, a junior speech communication major, both work on campus while they live off campus.

Josephs said she did not start working on campus until she started living off campus. She worked in dining services last year and is currently working in the library. She said she likes working on campus because it is in walking distance. The money she earns, from her seven hours a week, is

just extra money.

DeLassus has worked in dining services since he was a freshman. He also said he likes the short walking distance from his apartment to the dining hall.

He said working on campus is easy because the university is always looking for people to work.

Neither Josephs or DeLassus said they have any problems with balancing their schoolwork and their jobs. They said by working on campus, they get to work during the day rather than at night.

Although some may be able to get by with the five to 10 on-campus hours of work a week, others may need a little more money than that.

Working around 20 hours a

week, Greg Munch, a junior accounting major, lives off campus and currently works at McHugh's Double Drive-Thru. He uses the money he earns for paying bills.

"After working the whole summer, I just needed to work to feel comfortable with my financial situation," Munch said.

He also likes getting paid a lot more for working off campus, and getting a paycheck every two weeks.

Being employed while going to school is a choice every student has, whether they choose to work or not. If the money is needed there are jobs offered on or off campus, but where and why a student chooses to work is up to them.

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Did you give?

Red Cross goal met twice over with 120 units

By Michelle Jones
Activities editor

The EIU blood drive committee's blood drive had more donors than expected both Wednesday and Thursday, resulting in more than 320 donors during the two day drive.

More than 200 people came out to give blood Thursday, and many people were turned away because the supply of blood bags ran out.

"I think it's great to see so many people came out," said Rachel Wilson, one of 80 volunteers at the blood drive.

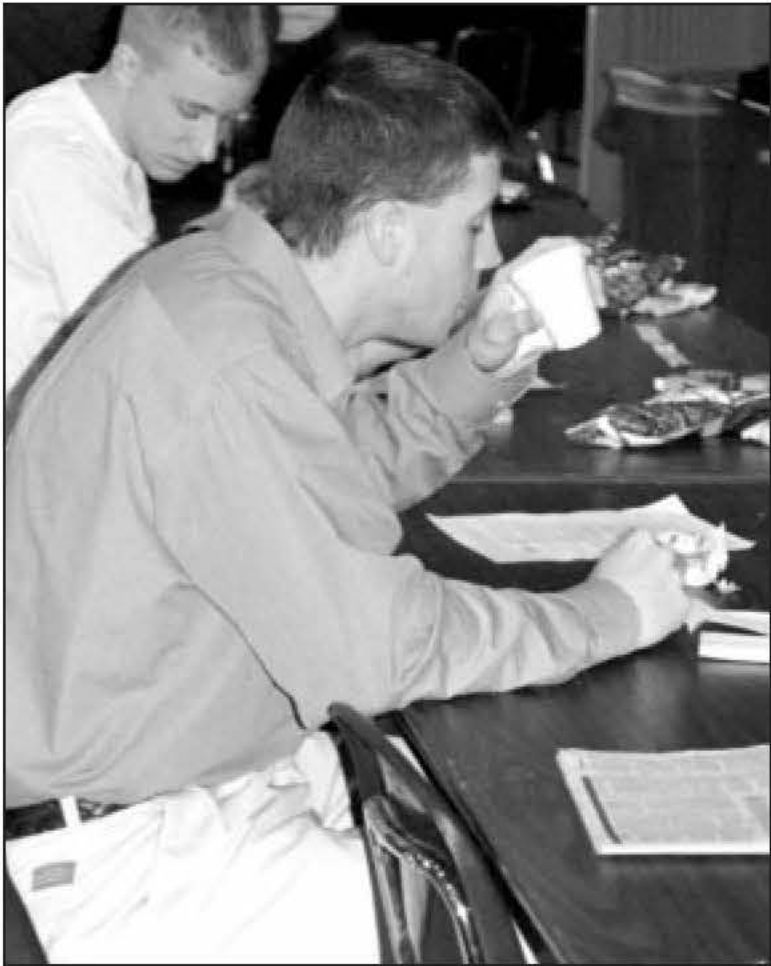
Donors decided to give blood for a plethora of reasons.

One reason students donated their blood was because they had personal experiences either with receiving blood themselves or with a family member receiving blood.

"One of my family members had leukemia and had lots of blood transfers," said Phillip Thompson, a sophomore Spanish major. "If I have blood to give, I should give it."

Meghan Toomey, a freshman English major with a secondary education option, gave blood because her father used to give blood before he had a heart attack.

She also felt she should give



Eric Wolters / Staff photographer

Chad Bailey, post bachelor education major, drinks to refresh his body after giving blood Wednesday afternoon in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The nationwide blood shortage was the reason why some students decided to donate blood.

back what she once needed.

"I had surgery once and needed blood," she said. "I felt like I had to give back."

Toomey was a first-time donor, and she considered the experience a pleasant one, and plans to donate again.

"At one point, I felt a little on the woosy side. Aside from that, everything went well," Toomey said.

Some students felt it was important to give to those in need.

"I think it's giving back to the community. If you don't give blood, who else is going to do it?" asked Tony Madigan, a junior industrial tech major. "It's my moral obligation."

Nicholas Brown, a junior industrial tech major, also said he gave blood because he wanted to

help those who needed it.

Even students who could not give blood gave something to the blood drive's efforts. Many people volunteered their time to help out at the blood drive.

"I think that it is a very good cause, and since I am unable to donate blood, this is my way to support the blood drive," said Michelle Braddock, a freshman elementary education major.

There is currently a blood shortage around the nation, and that fact contributed to one student's motive for giving blood.

"I heard there was a shortage," said Jill Pine, a junior family and consumer sciences major.

The blood drive was also held Wednesday when 120 people donated blood. The goal for each night was sixty donors.

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Meeting halfway

On Monday, Eastern's chapter of the University Professionals of Illinois filed an unfair labor charge against the university claiming the university is delaying ratifying and implementing the newly revised contract.

This charge was filed the same day Eastern's Board of Trustees met and did not discuss the revised contract at its meeting.

Sue Kaufman, president of Eastern's chapter of UPI, asked in an e-mail if the contracts are "a priority for our administration, or isn't it? The decision to make this a priority must come from the highest levels of our administration."

Unfair labor charge

UPI and the administration may have to meet each other halfway if they want to resolve the issue of the new contract quickly.

Although it has been a struggle to come to an agreement with the faculty members' contract, if both UPI members and the administration are patient for a little while longer and meet each other halfway, everyone can come out satisfied.

The question of how quickly the revised contracts can be implemented is another problem facing UPI and the administration.

Eastern President Carol Surles said at the BOT meeting that had the agreement been approved Monday, the increases would not be processed any sooner than March 31.

"We believe that personnel in both Human Resources and Payroll are doing the very best they can, given the systems and data provided them, to get the contract changes to us as quickly as possible," Kaufman said in an e-mail.

David Radavich, UPI chief negotiator, said in a Jan. 25 article in *The Daily Eastern News* that he did not know if the refusal by the BOT to review the contract was a personal attack on UPI members.

However, the administration probably wants this process over as quickly as UPI members do, and BOT members did what they saw fit.

It appears as though an agreement can be reached easiest if UPI members and the administration are willing to practice the simple art of meeting in the middle.

■ The editorial is the opinion of the editorial board of *The Daily Eastern News*.

Today's quote

... But as the world, harmoniously confused:
where order and variety we see.

And where, though all things differ, all agree.

Alexander Pope,
English poet, 1688-1644

Alternative tops lying on the beach

There was this guy I met — Ron, who grew up in the poorest part of Gainesville, Fla. When he was just a little kid, his job was shining shoes. Ten cents a shine. He liked to hang out with the pimps of Gainesville.

It sounds kind of shocking since he was under 10 years old at the time. But the pimps gave him a dollar for the shine and he had enough money to feed his nine brother and sisters.

A dollar in Gainesville would buy a loaf of bread and beans and rice. When he grew up, his homelessness led him to Atlanta, where I met him as he was working in a shelter for homeless people. He had a job and a place to live. In addition to telling me his story, Ron taught me how to pop a shoe shine rag.

Ron was one of the many people I have met traveling around the country on Alternative Spring Break with students like you.

I also met Tom, a rich guy from suburban Milwaukee. A big shot in business, he decided one day to get out of the rat race. Although his wife agreed, they didn't speak about it for fear that they would talk each other out of this crazy plan.

They moved to the poor part of Minneapolis to run a company called The Cookie Cart. This company hires poor inner city kids to make and sell the cookies. He and his wife now live in a ghetto apartment after living in suburban luxury with expensive furniture and all the stuff money could buy. We all have too much stuff, he told me.

You have to wonder about him, but if you looked into his eyes, you could see that he was happy. He was affecting the very lives of the young people he hired — saving their lives sometimes.



Mary Durkin Wohlrabe
Guest columnist

"In addition to telling me his story, Ron taught me how to pop a shoe shine rag."

If you're thinking that there's got to be more to life than your typical classes, than the same old people, than going through the motions, you might be ready to rock your world on Alternative Spring Break.

Alternative Spring Break is a program that matches Eastern students to one of 20 sites. Some are Habitat for Humanity building sites. Others are environmental sites or Native American sites.

Me, I always choose the sites where I meet urban poor.

During Spring Break, (March 11 to 19) five or 10 students travel to their site in a van and stay at places like churches or community centers. They live together and go to work at a variety of places.

Although you work hard, it's not free. It costs \$125 (but you get a T-shirt and memories forever.)

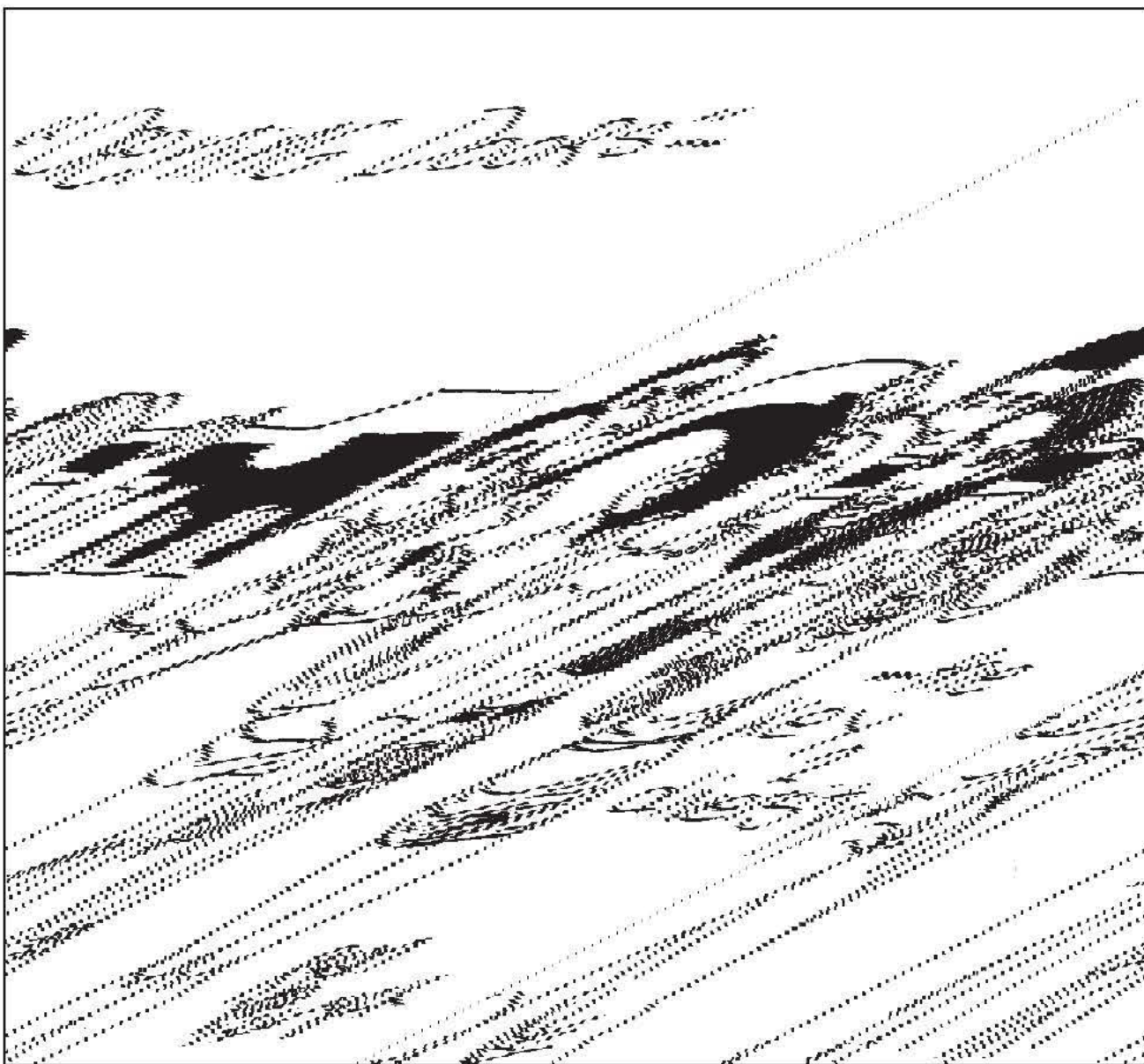
While the Newman Catholic Center sponsors Alternative Spring Break, you don't have to be Catholic. Heck, you don't have to be religious at all, although member of the group do daily "reflections" to try to make some sense out of the things they encounter.

Alternative Spring Break is not for everyone. Lying around on a sunny beach in March has great appeal, I admit. But if you want try something that will really test you, that will show you what's really important in life, consider Alternative Spring Break.

It is truly awesome. You'll feel like you're a really good person, like you're making a difference. And guess what? You are.

For information and answers, call Holly Walters at 348-0188.

■ Mary Durkin Wohlrabe is a journalism professor and a guest columnist for *The Daily Eastern News*. Her e-mail address is cfmdw@eu.edu. Columns are the opinion of the author.



Have some priceless fun over Spring Break

Before you leave Eastern, do yourself a favor — go on an Alternative Spring Break Trip. When I went on my first of three, I was wondering to myself why I just hadn't gone home or planned a trip with friends.

Now, as a senior about to leave Eastern, I look back at these trips as the most memorable, educational and rewarding choices of my "college experience." (Yes, even more memorable than my 21st birthday.)

Few events in your life will leave a lasting impression on you like an

Your turn

Letters to the editor

ASB trip. You will be doing yourself a favor by going on at least one. Consider an Alternative Spring Break the Mastercard of college — "Don't leave home without it!" If ever the thought of going on ASB has crossed your mind as you peruse an article about it or stare at a bulletin board in Old Main, take a chance and decide to change your outlook on life by helping others change theirs. As the new

Mastercard commercials flaunt — it's priceless!

Kristal A. Klein
senior elementary education major

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They should be less than 250 words and include the author's name, telephone number and address. Letters whose authors cannot be verified will not be printed.

Depending on space constraints, we may have to edit your letter, so keep it as concise as possible.

AB to present new budget

By Nikki See
Staff writer

The Appointment Board today will present its new budget and teach other members how to create budgets. The AB will meet at 6 p.m. in the Arcola/Tuscola Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The board will decide what cuts should be made to the budget and when to present the budget to Student Senate, which has final approval of the budget.

Mike Johnson, AB chair, also will lead a session informing members on the budgeting process. Johnson has high expectations for the rest of the semester. "I think the AB is going to do an excellent job this semester," Johnson said. "So far the operation has been running smoothly." In other business, the AB also will appoint a new secretary and a new member, in addition to discussing their calendar of events.

Student workers have payment options

By Matt Neistein
Features editor

A common complaint among students working on campus is paydays, or rather, the lack thereof. Students employed by the university are paid once a month, on the last working day of each month. Pay periods are run from the 16th day of one month to the 15th day of the next, and each paycheck is available two weeks after the pay period ends. The result is students get rather large paychecks, but at fairly long intervals. Faculty members also are paid monthly. Civil service employees, however, are paid biweekly. Students can be paid in one of three payment options, according to "Student Employment Regulations," published by the Student Personnel Office. The payment options are lump sum, salary and hourly. Lump sum and salaried students are paid by the department they work for, and maximum limits are set for the amount of money each can be paid. Lump sum payments, which may be given out for a musical performance, for example, may not exceed \$2,000 a month. Salaried students, such as resident assistants, can only be paid up to \$1,000 a month.

“You’re a student; you need money quick. You don’t want to wait a month.”

Mike Leshoure,
student body president

Students working on an hourly basis have no cap on their earnings; however, they may only work up to 90 hours per pay period, which is about about 22 hours each week. This number increases to 120 hours during summer session. All wage rates are approved by the President’s Council. Raises, or “merit increases,” can only be given after a year of continuous employment in the same position. Student Senate currently is looking into forming a committee to research the possibility of making student paychecks biweekly as well. “You’re a student; you need money quick,” said Mike Leshoure, student body president. “You don’t want to wait a month.”

English department provides help on writing exam

By Mike Prokop
Staff writer

With the writing competency exam approaching, the English department is providing a number of services for students to prepare for the test. The writing competency exam workshop will be hosted from 4 to 6 p.m. today and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday in Room 219 in Coleman Hall to prepare students for the test Saturday. The Spring 2000 Writing Center also has opened for the semester. Graduate assistants will speak at the workshop in an attempt to teach strategies for the writing compe-

tency exam, which students must pass in order to graduate. Techniques to make the test stress free for the students will be taught at the workshop, said Terri Blair, tutor at the Writing Center. The workshop is scheduled for the days directly before the test, so the workshop will be fresh on the students’ minds during the exam. Future writing competency exams will warrant future workshop dates, Blair said. The English department also is available for students needing help with papers of any kind. Free tutors are available 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through

Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday in Room 301 of Coleman Hall. Undergraduate, honor and graduate students are welcomed to be tutored face to face with “one of the 10 knowledgeable and friendly tutors on hand,” Blair said. The workshop is not only for students who struggle in their English classes, but it is also good for students who would appreciate assistance on their papers for other classes as well, Blair said. All services are free to students. For any questions concerning the workshop or the Writing Center, call 581-5929 or visit the web page at <http://www.eiu.edu/~writing/>.

daily briefing

Highland Park man to retrace Genghis Khan’s steps

CHICAGO (AP) – Dead more than 700 years, and Genghis Khan still has a lawyer trying to track him down. Highland Park attorney Maury Kravitz plans to head to Mongolia to look for the tomb of the 13th century warlord. Funded by \$1.2 million raised by a friend, the trip will last three summers and will include scholars from the Field Museum of Natural History, the University of Chicago and the Mongolian Academy of Sciences.

“We’re going in July, no question about it this time,” said Kravitz, a 67-year-old amateur historian whose efforts to make the trip have stalled twice in the last five years.

One thing the 15-member team won’t be able to do is dig – not if it finds the tomb, the exact location of which has been a mystery for nearly eight centuries, or anything else.

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Downtown Atlanta bags big events, but little to do

ATLANTA (AP) – This city is a master at bringing huge events to town: the 1996 Olympics, the 2000 baseball All-Star Game, Sunday’s Super Bowl and countless conventions every year. But when the meeting lets out or the event is over, just try to find a good time around all those downtown hotels and convention centers. The action is in neighborhoods outside of downtown.

Unlike its competition, Atlanta has no Broadway, no French Quarter, no dazzling casinos. After dark, downtown has more in common with a Midwest farm town than an Olympic city.

“When I lived there you could shoot a cannon through downtown after 10 o’clock and not hit anybody,” said Patti Shock, former chairwoman of hospitality management at Georgia State University and now chairwoman of the tourism and convention department at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

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'Be crazy and wear blue'

Opportunities galore for prizes await students in WinterFest

By Michelle Jones
Activities editor

The University Board and the Athletic Department are working together to provide students with a fun way to celebrate the Homecoming tradition while supporting the athletic teams.

Panther WinterFest 2000 will be celebrated Thursday and Saturday night and consists of several activities.

Thursday night is "Let's Make a Deal" Night. Throughout both the men's and women's basketball games, the television game show will be shown, and students will have the opportunity to win several prizes.

Some prizes that will be awarded include a TV, a VCR, a bike, a blender, a toaster and an alarm clock, said Sara Furgus, UB Homecoming Chair.

Other prizes were donated from community businesses. Bigger prizes include a semester's worth of housing, tuition and \$100 at both games, said Julie Ostermann, sports marketing.

"We went on a \$1,000 shopping spree at Wal-Mart, and you'd be surprised at how much you can buy with \$1,000 at Wal-Mart," Ostermann said.

All students are encouraged to participate and are urged to come early. Ostermann said attendance at the women's games have been low, and the earlier students arrive, the better chance they have to win a prize.

Fergus said prizes will be given away during timeouts and at half-time. Since the purpose of the evening is to show school support for the athletic teams, students must wear blue or something with "EIU" or "Eastern" on it in order to win, Fergus said.

Comedian Eric O'Shea will continue the fun of WinterFest following the basketball games at 9:30 p.m. Thursday in the Rathskeller restaurant in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

O'Shea will entertain the crowd with comical stories from his personal life, said April Bugarin, University Board graduate assistant.

According to Bugarin, 21

Atglance

WinterFest events

**Editor's note: All events take place in Lantz Gymnasium unless otherwise noted.*

Thursday – "Let's Make a Deal" Night

■ 4:45 p.m. – EIU Panthers vs. the Eastern Kentucky Colonels (Women)

■ 7:05 p.m. – EIU Panthers vs. the Eastern Kentucky Colonels (Men)

■ 9:30 p.m. – Comedian Eric O'Shea in Rathskeller in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union

Friday – "Viva Lantz Vegas" Night

■ 3:30 p.m. – Lantz Vegas Casino opens

■ 4:45 p.m. – EIU Panthers vs. the Morehead State Eagles (Women)

Between games – The Lantz Vegas Casino reopens

■ 7:05 p.m. – EIU Panthers vs. Morehead State Eagles (Men)

After the game – The Lantz Vegas Casino will reopen

schools in the Illinois and Indiana area have scheduled him to perform at their schools.

"He just really stood out from everyone else at the conference we went to, and every other school was on the bandwagon to get him, too," Bugarin said. O'Shea was a NACA 1999 Comedy Artist of the Year Nominee.

The show is sponsored by the University Board Comedy Committee. Admission is free to students with an ID and \$2 for the general public.

Saturday night continues the game theme with "Viva Lantz Vegas."

The North bleachers of Lantz gym will have casino tables set up for multiple casino games, such as poker, bingo and blackjack. With a student ID, students will receive play money in order to play games and earn chips, Ostermann said.

Chips can later be traded in for raffle tickets in the raffle students are interested in, Fergus said.

"If you want to win the TV, you put it in the TV bag," Fergus said.

All raffles will take place at 10 p.m. after the basketball games.

The prizes will be similar to those given away Thursday night. There will be two prizes for a semester of housing along with items such as indoor grills, blenders, toasters and laundry detergent.

Many of the prizes are big prizes

because the organizers wanted to really draw student attention.

"We think the basketball game itself is worthwhile, but we wanted something students would really stand up and notice," Ostermann said.

WinterFest is carrying on the tradition of Winter Homecoming, yet it does not consist of contests and points.

"I wanted to change things around and have nothing for points," Fergus said.

Ostermann said the goal of Panther WinterFest 2000 is to get students involved without them being forced to be involved in various organizations as it was in the past.

Ostermann also said Panther WinterFest 2000 is designed to show appreciation for school athletics.

"(The goal of WinterFest is) to get people out to see the game. Basketball players work hard and don't really get good attendance (at their games)," Fergus said.

Ostermann said the activities will be a time students will not want to miss out on.

"It's gonna be fun," she said. "We've done everything in our power to make it entertaining to students."

Organizers hope the turnout will be high.

"Be crazy, wear blue and support the Panthers," Ostermann said.

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Weekly meeting on Thursday, Jan. 27, 2000. 8:00p.m. in Andrews Hall Lobby.

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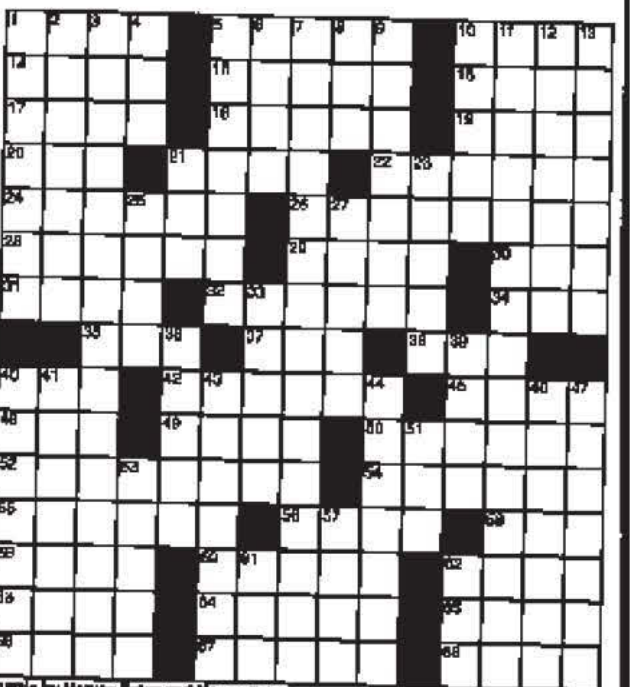
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Puzzle by Henry Bates and Henry Salomon

Event ruined by the ‘nastiest thing ever shown on television’

O.K., so you're a pay-per-view ... That don't impress me much. There's a little bit of country in all of us, but the bottom line is that the Royal Rumble did disappoint in many respects.

Even the event that had the most potential, the bathing suit contest, was ruined when 79-year-old Mae Young exposed herself in what was called by many as the "nastiest thing ever shown on television."

The Rock won the Rumble (big surprise), but will not fight for the title until Wrestlemania. Yep, Rikishi Phatu is scheduled to fight HHH for the title at the next pay-per-view. I wonder who will win that one?

Speaking of HHH, he put forth a great effort by losing a lot of blood to Cactus Jack in their match. But HHH got the last laugh when he pedigreed Jack onto a bunch of

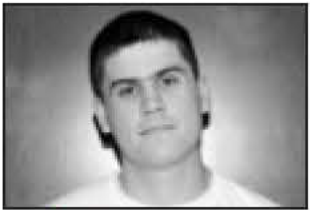
thumbtacks.

Raw was an all right show; the rivalry between the Dudleys and the Hardy Boys continued when Buh Buh Ray power-bombed Terri through a table.

Although she was no where near actually touching the table, it was effectively pulled off by Buh Buh to sell the move.

Tazz came out again and did some choking; I guess they don't want to overexpose

The People's Column



Todd Schreiber
Staff writer
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him, but he needs a better rival than Kurt "lack of an" Angle.

On Nitro, there was a new champion crowned as Sid Vicious beat Kevin Nash to become the new heavyweight champ.

Nothing else significant really happened, that I can remember at least.

There was a WWF commercial that was supposed to air during the Super Bowl, but it got pulled, so it will show up on Heat.

I guess the commercial is staged in a retirement home. A clock strikes three, but it sounds like a ring bell, and all the old folks start impersonating wrestling stars, including the Rock, Godfather and Val Venis.

The Pacemaker says ...

The problem I have with wrestling right now is it is the same stuff over and over again. Two of the four big stars will be in the main event, and the Rock will call someone a

"Roody Poo" and then a fight, and so on.

They need to change things up some how, kind of like I need to do with this column, but if they are monotonous, I will be too.

There is a major league rumor now that Saturn, Dean Malenko, Eddie Guerrero and Chris Benoit are all getting released by WCW and are already scooped up by WWF. They could make their debut as early as the Feb. 2 Smackdown taping.

Other than putting them immediately in the mix, I don't know how they would go about changing things, but starting with an almost 80-year-old exposing her breasts is not a good start. That was as goofy as having John Holmes and Ron Jeremy as answers on "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?"

It actually happened the other night, although I have no qualms about the hedgehog being an option for an answer.

Empty

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at a time.

"With football and volleyball, we know the promotions worked and we want to continue to do that sort of thing that brings the crowds in," she said. "The football games early in the year brought in pretty big crowds and we had a couple of big pushes before volleyball matches where we got some great crowds."

The focus right now, however, is to increase the basketball attendance as much as possible. And Ostermann believes the main problem is a serious lack of interest from students.

"Right now, we've really been working hard in targeting the students," she said. "We're hitting

Carman Hall real hard with advertisements, trying to get some of the younger students to get out to the games."

Ostermann and the rest of the athletic department have been trying to increase advertising campuswide and have come up with some promotions in an attempt to increase student attendance for basketball games.

Those promotions include three-point T-shirt giveaways, the Papa John's \$5,000 scholarship shot during halftime of the men's game and the free housing upgrade shot during halftime of the women's game. Other promotions offered for every home game include Papa John's free pizza coupons, the Domino's slam dunk giveaway and free beverages for students with their faces painted in Eastern colors.

It is these promotions that

Ostermann has created since her arrival in an effort to boost attendance.

"We're really trying to do a lot to get the students and community involved to boost attendance," she said of the promotions.

With time, Ostermann believes the promotions will help, but also noted that it's difficult to appeal to students who are simply too lazy to make the effort to come out to games.

"I think the promotions are going to help. I'm not sure how much of an impact they'll have at first, but we need to build crowds," Ostermann said. "It seems like the students at Eastern don't seek out opportunities as much as the students did in the past."

The student body isn't the only group that hasn't turned out to athletic events with as much frequency as in the past. Fewer and fewer members

of the community have been spotted at various athletic events as well. But Ostermann says it can't be expected for the community to get behind a team until the students do.

"To get community support, you need student support first," she said. "When students turn out to support the team, it is a more fun environment for everybody else, members of the community and the average public to watch. So more support from the students brings more support from around town."

Kidwell also believes it all begins with the students.

"To get the townspeople out, I think you need to create the right atmosphere, and to create the right atmosphere, you need the students," he said. "You have to have the students come out and have fun, get caught up in the event and they'll

become an intricate part of our success."

"Then the townspeople will come out because they like to see youthful energy and fun," Kidwell said. "So the majority of our thrust right now is to improve school spirit, for lack of a better phrase."

So Ostermann, Kidwell and the rest of the athletic department's staff will try to continue to fill the glass by focusing on entertaining fans and just flat out having fun.

"Men's basketball is doing pretty well and hopefully they can renew that excitement because big crowds help get big wins and big wins bring in big crowds," Ostermann said. "We really just want people to come out and have fun. And we think if they come and have fun here, then they'll come back again and bring some more friends the next time."

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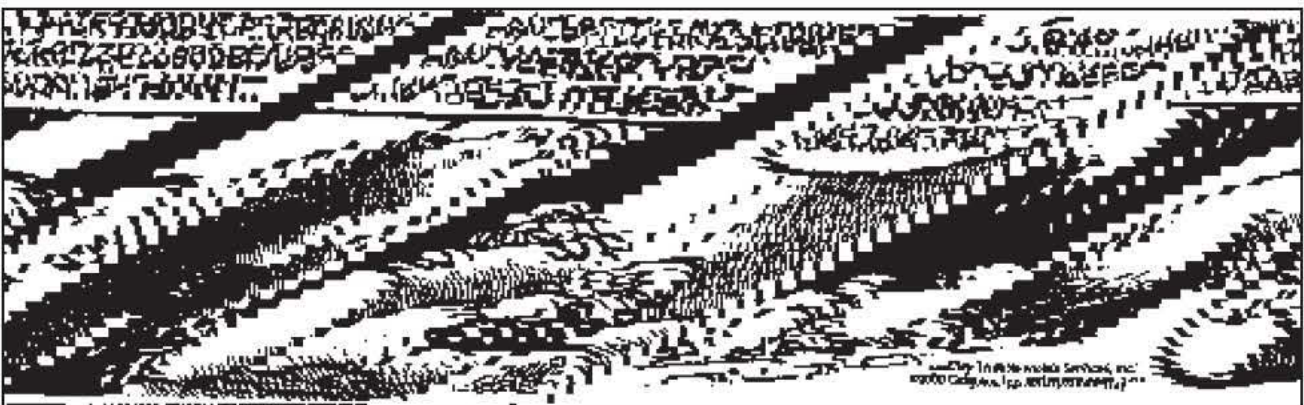
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Rosen

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individual grudge matches.

If I want to watch two people duke it out one-on-one, I'll turn on Celebrity Deathmatch. At least there will be some suspense over who will win.

As a Bulls fan, which is my number one problem, the most exciting matchup this season will be when the Bulls square off with Golden State, again to fight for the dubious honor of being the league's worst team.

Actually, Jordan vs. the whole Wizard's team in practice might be a good call for an NBC Sunday afternoon game of the week.

You know the NBA sucks when its biggest news is Jordan re-entering the league to play god with the Washington Wizards.

Yes, the Savior has returned and now he will shed his divine light on the Wizards, who are counting on being touched by an angel.

Actually, it appears the Wizards, who are going to need more than divine intervention from Jordan to right the ship, but that's OK. His name will generate millions for the team and the league, and that's what the league is really about now.

It appears that Dennis Rodman will follow Jordan in the business of lending his name to a perennial loser as well.

Rodman is now rumored to be

considering signing with the Dallas Mavericks for the rest of the season, and you can bet he is sought after by the Mav's for the selling power of his name as much as his rebounding ability.

If I want to watch an exciting game with a little bit of enthusiasm and a lot more effort from the players, I'll watch a college game.

The players are usually giving it their all and the games move along at a much quicker pace, although the scoring numbers aren't as high.

Plus, the top 25 seems to be a better way of creating subplots than simply highlighting the league's leading scorers and pitting them against each other.

However, I'm no expert. I just watch too much TV.

Tails

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anything because it never had an official name, so now we have one mascot for the men and the women. Very, very few colleges have two mascots, so we're going to stay with just one non-gender specific mascot," Kidwell said.

In dealing with its loss of identity, the Panther simply continues to think of itself just as thousands of fans still do.

"Even though my name isn't officially Billy, it's what people still call me and I really don't think it's a gender name," the Panther said. "I know a few girls that have the name Billy."

The evolution of the Panther has occurred over decades, and the name identity is just another step in the transformation of the mascot. The current Panther has evolved from a ragged pink Panther into the comical figure of today.

"Back in the late '60s and early '70s, the Panther was originally pink to go along with the Pink Panther Dance Team, but in the '80s that wasn't quite the image we wanted," Kidwell said.

Whether the mascot was pink or black, it has always had a strong relationship with the fans, especially kids.

"The little kids love him and follow him around, but there is also a lot of identification with the Panther and the older fans," Ostermann said. "You see smiles on the faces of the fans. It has a big impact on the school; people out of school for 30 years still identify with the Panther because it's a source of school pride."

Despite appearances game after

game, year after year, the Panther is keeping its youthful figure and still knows how to get the fans riled.

"I just act crazy and fly by the seat of my pants," the Panther said. "It's extremely tiring being out there jumping around and it takes a lot of energy, but I like being out there dancing, and getting the little kids to start dancing too. Even some of the college kids will get into it and come out to grind with me."

But how does a large panther, over 6-foot-tall, manage to maneuver in the stands as well as shake his tail? It's not easy, but its managed to adjust.

"I was born with big feet, so that makes things difficult," the Panther said. "I watch out for the little kids, and if I happen to fall I just get back up and take a bow."

Because the Panther's role is with the crowd, it thrives on all the attention.

"I love the attention," the Panther said. "It feels great when the crowd is behind the team and I feed off the energy cheering for the team."

The Panther is certainly busy on the field or out on the court, but it has plenty of time relaxing between games.

The Panther doesn't practice with the cheer teams or the Pink Panthers, and due to conference rules in basketball, the cheer teams and the mascot don't attend away games, so it is important for the Panther to focus its efforts on the home court.

"The Panther is there with the Pink Panthers and the cheer teams, but it doesn't do the routines; it does things on its own," Kidwell said. "There's that latitude to use its own ideas and has the ingenuity to interact with the crowd. It's more spontaneous; it's part of the whole entertainment package."

Scoreboard

EIU CALENDAR

Today

4:45 p.m. - Women's basketball vs. Eastern Kentucky (at Lantz Gym)
7 p.m. Men's basketball vs. Eastern Kentucky (at Lantz Gym)

Friday

All day - Men's and women's swim ming at Bradley Invitational

NFL

Conference Championships

Sunday, Jan. 23

Tennessee 33, Jacksonville 14

St. Louis 11, Tampa Bay 6

Super Bowl

Sunday, Jan. 30

At Atlanta

St. Louis vs. Tennessee, 5:25 p.m. (ABC)

Pro Bowl

Sunday, Feb. 6

at Honolulu, 4:30 p.m. (ABC)

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W L GB

Miami 26 14 -

New York 25 15 1.0

Philadelphia 24 17 2.5

Boston 19 22 7.5

New Jersey 17 23 9.0

Orlando 17 24 9.5

Washington 13 29 14.0

Central Division

Indiana 27 15 -

Charlotte 22 18 4.0

Milwaukee 22 19 4.5

Toronto 21 19 4.5

Detroit 21 20 5.5

Cleveland 17 25 10.0

Atlanta 15 25 11.0

Chicago 8 31 17.5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

W L GB

Utah 27 12 -

San Antonio 27 15 1.5

Minnesota 23 16 4.0

Denver 18 21 9.0

Houston 16 25 12.0

Dallas 15 26 13.0

Vancouver 10 30 17.5

Pacific Division

L.A. Lakers 33 9 -

Portland 31 10 1.5

Sacramento 26 13 5.5

Seattle 27 16 6.5

Phoenix 23 16 8.5

L.A. Clippers 10 31 22.5

Golden State 8 32 24.0

Friday's Games

Orlando at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.

Milwaukee at Toronto, 6 p.m.

New York at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at Indiana, 7 p.m.

Washington at Detroit, 7 p.m.

Atlanta at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.

Miami at Denver, 8 p.m.

San Antonio at Seattle, 9 p.m.

Cleveland at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

Portland at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.

COLLEGE

Men's Basketball

OVC Standings

OVC Overall

Southeast Missouri 7-1 14-3

Murray State 6-1 13-5

Tennessee-Martin 5-2 8-9

Tennessee Tech 5-3 10-7

Eastern Illinois 4-4 8-8

Austin Peay 4-5 10-7

Morehead State 3-5 8-9

Middle Tennessee 2-6 6-10

Eastern Kentucky 2-6 6-11

Tennessee State 1-6 2-15

Today's games

Eastern Kentucky at Eastern, 7 p.m.

Middle Tenn. at Murray State, 7:30 p.m.

Morehead State at SEMO, 7:30 p.m.

Tenn. Tech at Tenn.-Martin, 7:45 p.m.

Women's Basketball

OVC Standings

OVC Overall

Tennessee Tech 8-0 13-6

Eastern Kentucky 6-2 9-8

Middle Tennessee 5-3 8-8

Murray State 5-3 7-10

Tennessee-Martin 4-4 5-12

Austin Peay 4-5 8-9

Tennessee State 4-5 6-10

Southeast Missouri 3-5 6-10

Eastern Illinois 2-6 4-12

Morehead State 0-8 1-16

Thursday's Games

E. Kentucky at Eastern, 4:45 p.m.

Middle Tenn. at Murray State, 5:30 p.m.

Morehead State at SEMO, 5:30 p.m.

Tenn. Tech at Tenn.-Martin, 5:45 p.m.

INTRAMURALS

Basketball Results

Jan. 24

Men's A

Sig Ep Purple 54, Gelo Boys 48

Onslaught 65, 1 Love 59

Sig Chi Gold 65, Lambda Chi Alpha 51

BTB 80, Boukins 55

Slim Shady's 53, DW Athletics 28

Sigma Pi Gold 73, Lambda Chi 59

5'10

D.W. Athletics 49, Delta Sigma Phi 39

Men's B

Krush 62, Thomas 2 South 36

Betty Ford Clinic 47, Shockers 20

Ballers and Shot Callers 43, Hornets 28

Goodfellas 37, S.I. Pride 36

Neighbors 57, Lazy Larry's 2000 33

Meatheads 40, Red Johnies 30

Women's Results

Ballbusters 40, Delta Zeta 31

Sigma Sigma Sigma 39, AST 19

Alpha Phi Silver d. Cheetah Wealies (forfeit)

Alpha Gamma Delta 29, Alpha Phi Bordeaux 19

Jan. 25

Men's A

Febreeze 51, Sig Pi Blue Chips 22

Morning Wood 53, Team Shenonigans 28

Short Rounds 60, Phi Sigma Pi 51

Sigma Chi 59, Greenwave 37

Sig Ep Gold 49, Pike Gold 16

EIU's Most Ignorant 58, Scorpions 32

BB 69, W. Beaters 53

5'10

Sig Ep Gold 43, Dre's Boys 37

Men's B

Bud Heavy 61, The Bulls 57

Silver Bullets 54, Team Natty 53

Swisher Sweets 59, Operation Push 32

The Joice 82, Apocalyptic Apparition 71

Women's Results

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4:20 8:10
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4:40 7:50
Next Friday R
5:10 7:40 9:50
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julia stiles PG-13
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Satisfied with half empty?

Athletic department tries to solve attendance woes by appealing to students

Editor's note: This is the second of a three-part series looking at fan attendance at Eastern athletic events.

By Bill Ruthhart
Associate sports editor

Is the glass half full or half empty? That is the question Eastern's athletic department faces over and over again when looking at fan attendance at its athletic events.

When drawing enough fans to fill half of their capacities, are O'Brien Stadium and Lantz Gym half full or half empty? Should Athletic Director Rich McDuffie and his staff be satisfied with filling the glass halfway or should they strive to fill it to the brim?

Dave Kidwell, Eastern's assistant athletic director for sports information and marketing, says he and the rest of the athletic department are far from satisfied.

"When you look at attendance figures, you

have to ask yourself is the cup half full or half empty?" Kidwell said. "If we draw 2,000 for a game and there's 20,000 people in Charleston, that's 10 percent of our market."

"Now look at ISU (Illinois State); Their population is 100,000 with 20,000 students, so when they're drawing 10,000 people and filling their facility, that's still only 10 percent of their market," he said. "So, percentage wise, we're doing just as good, but make no mistake about it, I'm disappointed when only 2,000 people show up."

There's a difference between just being disappointed and doing something about it. And Eastern's athletic department has been trying to do all they can to do something about the poor fan support.

This fall the athletic department took a big step in trying to fill that glass up more by hiring Julie Ostermann to fill the newly-created position of program assistant for marketing and promotions. Creating the new position puts

most of the responsibility for driving up attendance numbers on Ostermann's shoulders.

"I'm in charge of all the halftime and timeout giveaways as well as making efforts to drive attendance up," Ostermann said. "We use pregame posters, fliers and distribute a number of things to raise awareness both on campus and in the community."

And so far, the general consensus is that the hiring of Ostermann can't do anything but help Eastern's cause for increasing attendance.

"Adding Julie was a real plus," Kidwell said. "Anytime you add on a full-time person, the number of activities and promotions for the games is going to increase."

Ostermann thinks her hiring has definitely helped Eastern's push for increased attendance, but it also appears that the athletic department is still considerably behind in the attendance game.

"My hiring here definitely makes it a little easier for some of the coaches. I know some

sports were doing their own promotions and obviously anytime you add someone on, it makes the work a load a little easier," she said. "But the great majority of Division I schools have a marketing director plus people who just focus on getting people to the games and supporting the team."

The low fan turnout is the challenge Ostermann is faced with after being hired this fall. And it has been her job to take a look at why attendance has been so poor and what she and the athletic department can do to improve it.

"For a school Eastern's size, attendance by students is terrible," Ostermann said. "The events, basketball in particular, should have much higher attendance."

Upon her arrival this fall, Ostermann tried a number of activities and promotions to raise attendance and to help fill that glass a little bit

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Tails from the Panther's den

Eastern mascot challenges fans to 'get with it'

By Kristin Rojek
Associate sports editor

The fans that trek out to Lantz Gymnasium for the men's and women's basketball games Thursday night will see the most well-recognized symbol of Eastern, the Panther.

With attendance at Eastern athletics continuing to be a problem, the Panther is faced entertaining the sparse faces at each home game.

"The fans don't get into the game as much," the Panther said. "They don't know when to cheer, so they need to get with it."

Not only does the Panther have the responsibility of keeping the crowd involved in the game, but it has to be creative on its own. The Panther's former partner, Bonnie, packed her bags at the end of last season, never to return.

"It was nice hanging around Bonnie," the Panther said. "We had a long relationship, but it had its ups and downs. We had our differences in what we wanted, so it was time to let it go."

Now that Bonnie is out of the picture, the Panther, commonly referred to as Billy, is now being stressed as an "it", not a specific gender, by the athletic department.

"It's hard to refer to (the Panther) like that, but when you think of animals it's not a he or she," Julie Ostermann, program assistant for marketing and promotions, said. "We wanted to toughen the image of the Panther so it's not as cartooned as it has been in the past."

Dave Kidwell, assistant athletic director for sports information and marketing states there was never a "Billy", but rather one mascot representative of the entire student body.

"Billy was never the official name," Kidwell said. "We can't trace how or when it started, so it's more of someone who just came up with it and started using it and now it's commonly used."

"It's easy to decide not to call the Panther



Mandy Marshall/ Photo editor

Eastern's Panther says, "Bring it on!" as it sits on the rim awaiting tonight's start to the Winter Festival and home game against Eastern Kentucky. The Panther mascot has evolved over several decades.

Personal Foul



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I'm no expert,
I just watch
too much TV

Since there is such a wide variety of basketball games to choose from every night on TV, I've been finding myself faced with some critical decisions lately.

I've been asking myself hard, philosophical questions like just how long do I sit in front of the TV before I actually get up and do something? And if I don't get up, what games should I waste my night watching?

What is the meaning of all this hoops madness, and where do I fit in? And last but not least, what's better, college or the pros?

It is this question that has irked me for many years, but now as a result of a rigorous schedule of laying on my couch and watching basketball every night, I think I've come to a conclusion.

The NBA offers big names and lots of cash but the game's often seem to lack intensity and, like professional wrestling and boxing to a certain extent, the league is relying on subplots to market its games.

If you've ever seen NBC's commercials for whatever games they plan on showing that week, you know what I'm talking about.

It's always Shaq vs. Duncan, Kobe vs. Iverson, Hoiberg vs. Ryder.

OK, so maybe the last pair isn't exactly a dream matchup, but teams win basketball games not

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